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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): David C. Racenet Examiner: Michelle Lopez
Serial No.: 10/529,800 Group: Art Unit 3721
Filed: March 30, 2005 Dated: December 17, 2007
For: **TOOL ASSEMBLY FOR A
SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE**

Commissioner for Patents
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**REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 35 U.S.C. §116 AND
37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)**

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §116 and 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), it is
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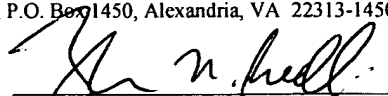
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that such error arose without any deceptive intent and that all parties are in agreement and
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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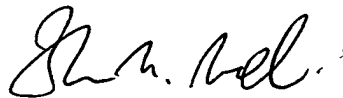
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.M. Rosselli", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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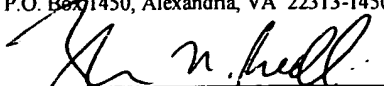
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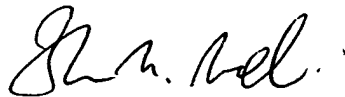

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I, Philip Roy of Orange, Connecticut, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), declare that through inadvertent error I was not named as an inventor for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/529,799 and that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Signature:


Philip Roy

Date:

10/22/07



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I, John W. Beardsley of Wallingford, Connecticut, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), declare that through inadvertent error I was not named as an inventor for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/529,800 and that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Signature:


John W. Beardsley

Date:

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I, Lee Ann Olson of Wallingford, Connecticut, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
§1.48(a), declare that through inadvertent error I was not named as an inventor for U.S.
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Signature: Lee Ann Olson
Lee Ann Olson

Date: 10-5-07



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I, Ralph Stearns of Bozrah, Connecticut, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a),
declare that through inadvertent error I was not named as an inventor for U.S. Patent
Application No. 10/529,800 and that the error in inventorship occurred without any
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Signature: *Ralph Stearns*
Ralph Stearns

Date: 10/23/07



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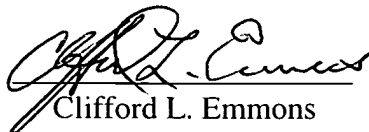
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I, Clifford L. Emmons of Oakville, Connecticut, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), declare that through inadvertent error I was not named as an inventor for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/529,800 and that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Signature:


Clifford L. Emmons

Date:

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) AND STATEMENT FROM ASSIGNEE
AGREEING TO THE CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH
37 C.F.R §1.48(a)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), documentary evidence of the chain of title of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/529,800 from the original inventor, David C. Racenet, to the assignee, Tyco Healthcare Group LP is enclosed herewith. More specifically, enclosed is a copy of an executed assignment by David C. Racenet to Tyco Healthcare Group LP which was recorded at Reel/Frame 017013/0287 in the assignment records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 30, 2005.

Also enclosed is a newly executed assignment by the following inventors:

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John W. Beardsley of Wallingford, Connecticut;
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to Tyco Healthcare Group LP which is currently being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.11.

I, Mark Farber of Shelton, Connecticut, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) declare that the assignee, Tyco Healthcare Group LP, is in agreement with the change of inventorship to add the following inventors:

Philip Roy of Orange, Connecticut;
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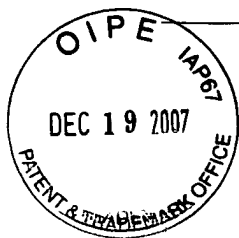
as co-inventors for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/529,800. I presently hold the position of Assistant Secretary for Tyco Healthcare Group LP, and in such capacity, I am an officer of the assignee having apparent authority to sign on behalf of the assignee.

Signature:


Mark Farber

Date:

October 30, 2007



COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,
DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: *(check one applicable item below)*

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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor *(if only one name is listed below)* or an original, first and joint inventor *(if plural names are listed below)* of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

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SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b) or (c))*

(a) ☐ is attached hereto.

(b) ☒ was filed on March 30, 2005 as ☒ Serial No. 10/529,800.

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(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ *(if any)*.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and

☐ in compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d))

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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**A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
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COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (*List name and registration number*)

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DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:

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Mark Farber, Esq.
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60 Middletown Avenue
North Haven, CT 06473

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

Full Name of sole or first inventor: David C. Racenet

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Country of Citizenship: USA Mailing Address: Same as above

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Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: 263 Bittersweet Road, Orange, CT 06477

Country of Citizenship: USA Mailing Address: Same as above

Full Name of third joint inventor: John W. Beardsley

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Full Name of fourth joint inventor: Lee Ann Olson

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Inventor's signature: Ralph Stearns Date: 10/23/07

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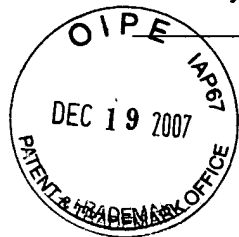
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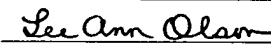
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